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SUBJECT: THAILAND'S PRIME MINISTER VISITS INDONESIA

1. SUMMARY. FROM LOCAL PRESS AND FONDEPT SOURCES WE GATHER FOCUS OF PRIME MINISTER KRIANGSAK'S FEBRUARY 17-20 VISIT TO INDONESIA WAS ON SEA SECURITY SITUATION. FEB 19 JOINT COMMUNIQUE, WHILE BREAKING NO NEW GROUND IN BILATERAL RELATIONS, HIGHLIGHTED NATIONAL RESILIENCE, MUTUAL COOPERATION IN FOOD AND ENERGY AND AN EXCHANGE OF INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION ON SEA BOUNDARY AGREEMENT IN ANDAMAN SEA. ALTHOUGH FONMIN MOCHTAR KUSUMAATMADJA ACKNOWLEDGED SOME DISAGREEMENT HAD ARISEN ON ECONOMIC MATTERS, FEEDBACK WE HAVE THUS FAR RECEIVED IS OVERALL POSITIVE. END SUMMARY.

2. THAILAND'S PRIME MINISTER KRIANGSAK CHAMANAN, LEADING A 24-MEMBER OFFICIAL DELEGATION, COMPLETED WHAT FONDEPT SOURCES TERMED A SUCCESSFUL VISIT TO JAKARTA FEB. 17-18  
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BEFORE PROCEEDING TO BALI FEB. 19-20. AMONG KRIANGSAK'S OFFICIAL ENTOURAGE, THE MINISTERS OF AGRICULTURE PRIDA KANNASUT, COMMUNICATIONS SURAKIT MAIYALAP AND INDUSTRY KASEM CHATIKAWANIT DID NOT GO TO BALI WITH KRIANGSAK BUT INSTEAD REMAINED IN JAKARTA TO CONTINUE TALKS WITH INDONESIA OFFICIALS BEFORE DEPARTING FEB 20 TO JOIN KRIANGSAK EN ROUTE TO MANILA.

3. FONDEPT DIRECTOR FOR ASIAN AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS  
COMMODORE SUDARSONO INDICATED THAT FOCUS OF CONVERSATIONS  
WERE ON THAILAND'S SECURITY. ACCORDING TO SUDARSONO,  
KRIANGSAK CITED VIETNAM AS THAILAND'S PRINCIPAL TREAT  
AND SPOKE IN GENERAL TERMS OF EVENTUALLY LEADING CAMBODIA  
AND LAOS TO SERVE SOME SORT OF BUFFER ROLE. THAIS AND  
INDONESIANS AGREED THAT CAMBODIAN LEADERSHIP WAS FIRMLY  
UNITED IN PRESENT ANTI-VIETNAMESE STRUGGLE. SUDARSONO  
SAID RTG ALSO HOPED TO PERSUADE PRC TO REDUCE ITS  
SUPPORT FOR THAI INSURGENTS IN RETURN FOR RTG HELP IN  
CIRCUMSCRIBING SOVIET ROLE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. SUDARSONO  
OBSERVED THAT KRIANGSAK'S MORE LIBERAL POLICY TOWARD THAI  
LEFTIST FORCES, ALTHOUGH A WISE COURSE IN HIS OPINION,  
WOULD IN SHORT TERM INCREASE THE INTERNAL POLITICAL THREAT  
AND THEREFORE SHOULD BE BALANCED BY REDUCTION OF OUTSIDE  
ASSISTANCE FOR DISSIDENTS. SUDARSONO INDICATED THAT  
THAI ATTITUDE TOWARD PRC HAD NOT AFFECTED GOI CHINA  
POLICY, WHICH CONTINUED TO BE DICTATED BY "INTERNAL  
POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS." SUDARSONO, WHO TERMED  
KRIANGSAK BEST LEADER THAILAND HAS HAD SINCE 1932,  
INDICATED GOI WAS RELATIVELY OPTIMISTIC OVER POSSIBILITIES  
FOR DEVELOPING THAI "NATIONAL RESILIENCY" AND NOTED THAT  
THAIS WERE MASTERS IN USING MAJOR POWER RIVALRIES TO  
DEFEND THEIR OWN INDEPENDENCE.

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4. ON THE OCCASION OF THE STATE DINNER IN HONOR OF PRIME  
MINISTER KRIANGSAK AT THE MERDEKA PALACE ON FEB. 17,  
PRESIDENT SUHARTO SPOKE OF THE "SPIRITUAL AND CULTURAL  
BONDS" THAT TIE THE TWO NATIONS IN A COMMON DESTINY AND  
STRESSED THE NECESSITY TO WORK TOGETHER IN THE CONTEXT  
OF ASEAN FOR PEACE AND STABILITY IN THE SEA REGION.  
TO THIS END, HE SAID THAT ASEAN "WILL NOT ALLOW" INTER-  
FERENCE "BY OTHER POWERS." AT THE SAME TIME, SUHARTO  
SAID, ASEAN IS NOT "HOSTILE" TOWARD ANY OTHER NATION,  
BECAUSE IT REALIZES THAT "HOSTILITY WILL NOT PERMANENTLY  
SOLVE ANY PROBLEM." SUHARTO PRAISED KRIANGSAK'S  
"ENDEAVORS TO RE-ESTABLISH A CLIMATE THAT OPENS UP THE  
POSSIBILITY OF NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH THE  
NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES IN THE INDOCHINESE REGION."

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5. KRIANGSAK IN HIS CONCLUDING REMARKS IN A PRESS  
CONFERENCE ON FEB. 19 EMPHASIZED THAILAND'S DETERMINATION  
TO FOSTER GOOD RELATIONS WITH ITS COMMUNIST NEIGHBORS  
IN AN EFFORT TO BRING PEACE AND STABILITY TO THE REGION.  
HE SAID HE DID NOT REGARD HIS COMMUNIST NEIGHBORS AS  
ENEMIES, EXCEPT THOSE WHO WISH TO INTERFERE IN THAILAND'S  
INTERNAL AFFAIRS. KRIANGSAK ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT HE DID  
"NOT BELIEVE THAT THEY INTEND TO DO SO." SAYING THAT THAILAND'S  
POLICY OF AVOIDING FORCE TO SETTLE ITS PROBLEMS WAS PAYING  
OFF, HE POINTED TO A DECLINE IN THE NUMBER OF INCIDENTS  
ALONG THE THAI-KAMPUCHEAN BORDER, AND SAID THAT "RELATIONS  
WITH LAOS HAVE BEEN NORMALIZED ON A STEP-BY-STEP BASIS."

6. THE FEB. 19 JOINT COMMUNIQUE, WHICH BROKE NO NEW  
GROUND, HIGHLIGHTED NATIONAL RESILIENCE AS THE PRIME  
OBJECTIVE OF MUTUAL COOPERATION AND REAFFIRMED IN  
PARTICULAR THAILAND'S AGREEMENT TO GIVE INDONESIA PRIORITY  
IN SUPPLYING RICE FROM ITS EXPORT SURPLUS AND INDONESIA'S  
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ENGAGEMENT TO SUPPLY THAILAND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS  
INCLUDING, UPON REQUEST, "A CERTAIN TYPE OF CRUDE OIL"  
AND LNG. KRIANGSAK IN HIS PRESS CONFERENCE NOTED THAT  
AMOUNT AND PRICE OF BOTH RICE AND LNG REMAINED TO BE  
NEGOTIATED. INDONESIAN AMBASSADOR TO BANGKOK ALSO TOLD  
SINAR HARAPAN REPORTER THAT THAIS INTENDED TO PURCHASE  
LIGHT AIRCRAFT MANUFACTURED IN BANDUNG FOR ITS AGRICUL-

TURAL SERVICE BUT DID NOT WISH TO MENTION THIS FACT IN COMMUNIQUE SINCE IT MIGHT GIVE IMPRESSION OF MILITARY COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO STATES. PROVIDING PRESS IN BALI WHAT BE CALLED INDONESIAN VERSION OF JOINT COMMUNIQUE, FONMIN MOCHTAR KUSUMAATMADJA ACKNOWLEDGED SOME BARGAINING AND SPARRING IN ECONOMIC TALKS BUT EXPLAINED THIS INDICATED EACH WAS LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE OTHER.

7. COMMUNIQUE NOTED THAT FOREIGN MINISTERS UPADIT AND MOCHTAR EXCHANGED INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION OF THE AGREEMENT ON DELIMITATION OF ANDAMAN SEA BOUNDARY BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. MOCHTAR TOLD PRESS THAT INDIAN-THAI-INDONESIAN MEETING WOULD BE HELD SOON TO REACH TRIPARTITE AGREEMENT ON ANDAMAN SEA BOUNDARIES.

8. PRESS COVERAGE OF KRIANGSAK'S VISIT WAS MODERATELY HEAVY AND EDITORIAL COMMENT WARM THOUGH SPARSE. IN WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN SLY DIG AT INDONESIAN LEADERSHIP, THE INDONESIAN TIMES EDITORIAL OF FEB. 17 PRAISED KRIANGSAK'S UNTIRING EFFORTS TO RESTORE DEMOCRACY IN THAILAND, SAYING "THIS VERIFIES THAT PREMIER KRIANGSAK IS A DEMOCRAT IN MILITARY UNIFORM." THE EDITORIAL WELCOMED KRIANGSAK'S "MODERATE" ATTITUDE TOWARDS ITS COMMUNIST NEIGHBORS, AND UNDERLINED THE CONGRUENCE OF HIS OBJECTIVES WITH THOSE OF INDONESIA AND ASEAN IN EFFORTS TO BRING PEACE AND

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STABILITY TO THE SEA REGION.

9. THAI EMBASSY COLLEAGUES HAVE THUS FAR BEEN TIED UP WITH ADMINISTRATIVE AFTERMATH OF VISIT, BUT WE WILL REPORT THEIR IMPRESSIONS WHEN RECEIVED.

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